2016 CEN Conference- Leveraging Information, Networks and Knowledge- May 13th, Convention Center in Hartford

The fourth annual CEN conference celebrated *Leveraging Ideas, Networks and Knowledge* within our community. We had a record number of people involved in this year's event with over 450 registered attendees and 25+ sponsors. It is this deep engagement that adds true value to our network. In case you have missed it, please check out some photos from the event on CEN's Facebook page. Conference presentations are available here and videos of the breakout session are on CEN's Youtube page. Please save the date for next year's conference on **May 12, 2017** and contact CEN if you want to be part of the 2017 Conference Planning Committee (brynn.deprey@uconn.edu).

Member Spotlight: CT State Library

- **findIT-CT Catalog**
- CT State Library has recently launched findIT CT, a statewide library catalog to which libraries can contribute their holdings (information about the materials they own and lend). It will give librarians and patrons one single place to look for specific library items and find out which libraries own them. It's especially useful for book discussion groups who want to borrow multiple copies of a single title and patrons who want something that's a little hard to find.

- This initiative came about due to budget reductions. As CT State Library was looking for more cost effective solutions to the statewide union catalog it had been running for the

past 25 years, they approached Bibliomation about the possibility of providing an instate, open source solution in April 2015. Over the course of the past year, Bibliomation staff have been working with Equinox Software (Atlanta, GA) and CT State Library to bring this project forward. The development is taking place in phases. The initial roll out of the "big 4" CT consortiums (Bibliomation, Library Connection, LION and CONSULS) took place on May 16, 2016. This included 10.3 million item records.

- Phase 2 which is the loading of the remaining participating library holdings (10.4 million item records) is ongoing. Phase 3 which allows for active interlibrary loan of materials is in the planning stages. This service will be compatible with requestIT CT, the new Interlibrary Loan interface, so after you find that elusive book, you can then request to take it out. Of course, all of this runs over their CEN connection.

- This is an important project for the State Library in continuing a vital service to libraries and residents via a new software product and one that is managed in state. For CEN, it is the first time that content will be available to libraries, schools and CT residents.

- **Library Project to get CT libraries connected with fiber**
- The State Bond Commission unanimously approved the allocation of the $3.6 million for the high speed library connections to the CEN. In addition, libraries are seeking Erate funding to help offset connectivity costs. For libraries looking for help with filing the 471 application, be sure to check out these dates for in person help from Maria in June.

Tech Update

Facebook Cache is up and running. This is in addition to having Akamai, Google, Microsoft, Netflix and other content distribution network servers located on network to provide increased performance, reduced cost and faster access to content for our members.

CEN is now able to offer DDoS detection and mitigation to all our members as part of the benefits of connecting with us. Please contact info@cteducation.net with any questions.

New Connections

Municipalities
Town of Beacon Falls
Columbia Fire Department
Town of Fairfield
Town of Greenwich
Town of Goshen
Town of Granby
City of Hartford
Town of Lyme
Town of Marlborough
City of Meriden
Montville Public Safety and Fire Departments
Meriden Police Department
Borough of Naugatuck
Town of New Milford
Old Lyme Fire Department

Putnam Police Department

Town of Roxbury

Town of Somers

Town of Vernon

Town of Voluntown

Watertown Police Department

Libraries

Greenwich Library

DAS-BEST (Springfield)
Department of Motor Vehicles
Department of Veteran Affairs
Discover Video
NW CT Public Safety

Upcoming Events

Wesleyan University to host eduroam Education Summit on **Wednesday June 23** at Wesleyan University in Middletown. Interested in learning more on eduroam? This service is available to more than just higher education institutions. More information and to register, click here.

CEN to sponsor at the EdCamp Connecticut to be held at Ethel Walker School in Simsbury on **Friday August 12th**. More information here.

CEN is in the process of planning monthly professional development sessions, starting again in September 2016. Do you have a topic you'd like addressed? Do you have some interesting best practice to share around use of technology in your school? Let us know (info@cteducation.net).

CEN in the News

- CEN is highlighted in this year's Quilt Circle (see page 11). The Quilt is a non-profit that nationally represents research and education networking organizations (RENs) like ours in Connecticut. This forum allows members like CEN to share best practice, leverage expertise and speak with a single voice on issues of common interest.

- UConn's CIO Michael Mundrane discusses effectiveness for IT organizations in The Enterprisers Project (May 17, full article here).

- The Town of Somers announces their CEN connection (Journal Inquirer, April 29).

- Trinity College received a grant from the National Science Foundation to enhance their research capabilities and deepen their connectivity, further leveraging their CEN connection. This upgrade will allow for expansion and improvement of faculty and student research amongst multiple departments on campus (Trinity College, April 19).

- Mark Raymond, CIO DAS-BEST on achievements over the past year (State Scoop, April 7).

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